



THE
DISTINCT
STYLE OF
CHOPIN'S
MUSIC....

AND BEFORE
ANYONE
COULD TAKE
A BREATH,
TWO YOUNG
MEN IN
GERMANY
WERE SWEEPED
UP BY HIS
MUSIC.

Variations
En ci-dessus la main
Op.9

CHOPIN

HAVING
TURNED AWAY
FROM THE
PATH OF AN
OPERA WRITER,
CHOPIN
EMBARKS ON
HIS WAY TO
BECOMING A
PIANIST.

Op.06 Visitors From Germany!

THE SOUND
OF HIS
ADAGIO NO.2
VARIATIONS
IS LIKE A
KISS.

fufu~

Robert Schumann 1810-1856
Composer, 19th Century Music Critic,
delusional otaku

AREN'T YOU
ALWAYS
LIKE
THAT?

I'M SO
ROMANTIC
TODAY-

IT'S NOT
"MELITIS"!

IT'S
MEND-
ELSS-
OHN!

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MELITIS!

Felix Mendelssohn 1809-1847

Schumann's understanding friend
Pianist, composer, young lord from a family of bankers

AND WITH
MY FAVORIT-
ES, YOU AND
CHOPIN, WE'LL
BE A LEAGUE
OF TRUE
MUSICIANS,
UNITED BY
MUSIC!
(IN MY HEAD)

Using that
name, though?

My
FICTITIOUS
DAVIDS-
BUNDLER
WILL
INCLUDE
FLORESTAN
AND
EUSEBIUS,
TOO!

BUT
THAT'S
...ALL
IN
YOUR
HEAD,
YOU
KNOW?

BUT IN MY
DAVIDS-
BUNDLER,
YOU'RE
MELITIS!

THIS
ALLIANCE
WILL FIGHT
AGAINST
VULGARITY,
AND AIM
TO BUILD
A NEW ERA
OF ART,
A NEW ERA
OF
ROMANTI-
CISM!

IN MOZART
AND
BEETHOVEN'S
ERA, MUSIC
FELL, WHERE
THE ONLY
AIM WAS TO
MAKE A HIT!





THIS TIME,
I'M GOING
TO SHOW
CHOPIN MY
PIECE.

AS WE
BOTH
COMPOSE
TOWARDS A
NEW ERA,
CHOPIN AND
I SHOULD
UNDERSTAND
EACH OTHER
PERFECTLY.



バン!
THAT'S
RIGHT!

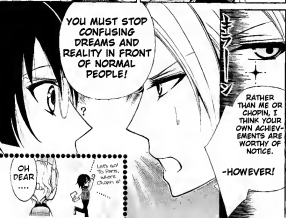
THE AIM
OF THIS
NEWS-
PAPER IS
TO INTRO-
DUCE NEW
ARTISTS
TO THE
WORLD,
AFTER
ALL!

SO CHOPIN'S
MUSIC THAT
YOU'VE SO
FALLEN IN
LOVE WITH
WILL FEATURE
IN THE FIRST
ISSUE OF
YOUR MUSIC
NEWS-
PAPER?



THAT'S
THE
WINE.

I got
drunk
off of
Chopin.



YOU MUST STOP
CONFUSING
DREAMS AND
REALITY IN FRONT
OF NORMAL
PEOPLE!

RATHER
THAN ME OR
CHOPIN, I
THINK YOUR
OWN ACHIEV-
EMENTS ARE
WORTHY OF
NOTICE.

-HOWEVER!

OH
DEAR

Let's not
let this world,
where
Chopin is!

I'VE WANTED TO MEET YOU, CHOPIN!

I LOVE YOUR MUSIC, I'VE BEEN LOST IN A HAZE OF LUST FOR YOU ♡

WHY IS LIGHT IN CHOPIN'S ROOM?

What sort of music?

?



WHAT'S GOING ON, CHOPIN? SO MANY PEOPLE ...

I SEE ...

...
-SIT-

Waah-
YOU LOOK
JUST LIKE
MY IMAGE
OF YOU!!

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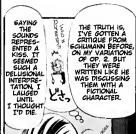
HE MEANS
AS INSPIRATION
WHEN HE'S
PLAYING, OR
STUDYING.





BEFORE I
CAME TO
PARIS, NO
ONE REALLY
LOOKED
AT MY
MUSIC....

BUT IN THE
CRITIQUE, HE
WROTE
"HATS OFF,
GENTLEMEN,
A GENIUS!"
IT MADE
ME VERY
HAPPY.



SAYING
THE
SOUNDS
REPRESENTED
A KISS. IT
SEEMED
SUCH A
DELUSIONAL
INTERPRE-
TATION, I
LAUGHED
UNTIL
I THOUGHT
I'D DIE.

THE TRUTH IS,
I'VE GOTTEN A
CRITIQUE FROM
SCHUMANN BEFORE,
ON MY VARIATIONS
OF OP. 2. BUT
THEY WERE
WRITTEN LIKE HE
WAS DISCUSSING
THEM WITH A
FICTIONAL
CHARACTER.



SO,
WHAT
BRINGS
YOU
HERE
TODAY?



IF THAT'S
ALRIGHT
WITH
YOU....

I WANTED
TO SHOW
YOU MY
MUSIC...

Carnaval
Op.9



THE
TWELFTH
MOVE-
MENT IS
CALLED
"CHOPIN"?

Chopin

EACH ONE
IS
INCREDIBLY
DIFFER-
ENT,
THOUGH...

"CARNAVAL"
IS IT... 21
MOVEMENTS.
IT'S HUGE.

Carnaval
Op.9



IT'S TRUE...
CHOPIN
IS LIKE
A LOVELY
MAIDEN.



AS A MUSICIAN,
I LEFT
POLAND
BEFORE
THE
NOVEMBER
UPRISING.

AND
POLAND
WAS
CRUSH-
ED BY
RUSSIA.

EMILIA!!

WHEN I
WAS 17,
MY 14-
YEAR-OLD
SISTER
EMILIA
DIED OF
TUBER-
CULOSIS.

EMILIA!

AND YET...
THIS SONG
IS ONLY
14 BARS,
NOT TO
MENTION IT'S
SO SWEET!

5. Eusebius

6. Florestan

7. Coquette

8. Réplique, Sphinxes

9. Papillons

10. Lettres dansantes

11. Chiarina

12. Chopin

13. Estrella

MOREOVER,
HE'S GOT
ME MIXED
TOGETHER
WITH HIS
FICTIONAL
CHARACTERS!

Is this a doujinshi-?

DON'T FEEL
BAD.... I
DON'T
REALLY
UNDERSTAND
WHAT
BROUGHT
THAT ON
EITHER
...

THIS ISN'T
MUSIC!!

I DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT
THEMES,
BUT THE
SONG
ITSELF IS
VERY
GOOD.

EH?

I'LL PLAY
YOUR
CARNAVAL
AT MY
CONCERT,
HOW ABOUT
THAT?

Chopin's
Sonata No. 2
Isn't music!

A COUPLE
YEARS
LATER,
SCHUMANN
ALSO PRONOUN-
CED ONE OF
CHOPIN'S
PIECES "NOT
MUSIC"

WHETHER
IT WAS
REVENGE
FOR THAT
TIME IS A
MYSTERY.

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IT
SEEMS
LISZT
WAS
FOUND
A NICE
TOY...

STOP
IT!!

IF LISZT
PLAYS IT,
THEN A
LOT OF
PEOPLE
WILL
HEAR IT!

Hurray~

SOMETHING-OR-OTHER SCANLATIONS

<http://www.somethingorotherscans.com>



I don't pretend to know anything
about Schumann (or Mendelssohn),
so my apologies if I got
anything wrong.